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SUBJECT: PRESS COVERAGE OF RADIO STATION CLOSEOUT

REF: STATE 215617

1. ON BASIS DEPT AUTHORIZATION (REFTEL), EMBASSY, RRO AND NAVFAC BRIEFED LOCALS NOV 20 ALONG GENERAL LINES RE PROSPECTIVE PHASEDOWN AND POSSIBLE CLOSEOUT OF YEROLAKKOS AND MIA MILIA. NOV 21 TWO GREEK PAPERS -- CLERIDES "AGON" AND INDEPENDENT "MAKHI" -- CARRY MAJOR STORIES ON SUBJECT. BOTH MADE CLEAR THAT THIS WAS USG DECISION, THOUGH DIFFER AS TO MOTIVE. "AGON" STRESSES PROBABLE TECHNICAL REASONS, RAISES QUESTIONS WHETHER "100 CYPRIOT EMPLOYEES" WILL RECEIVE COMPENSATION OR OTHER JOBS AND CLAIMS IT UNKNOWN WHETHER GOVT WAS INFORMED RE AMERICAN INTENTIONS. "MAKHI" RAISES POSSIBILITY OF ECONOMIC OF POLITICAL REASONS FOR DECISION, NOTING THAT STATIONS HAD REPEATEDLY BEEN TARGET OF LEFT.

2. QUESTION OF STATIONS AS RAISED BY LEFTIST DEPUTY LYSSARIDES STILL ON PARLIAMENTS AGENDA, MAY BE DISCUSSED NOV 22. SO FAR, THOUGH, EMBASSY AND USIS HAVE NOT RECEIVED MUCH PRESS QUERY. PAO WILL BRIEF PIO CHRISTODOULOU ON BACKGROUND FOR OUR DECISION LATER TODAY, STRESSING FACT FONMIN HAS BEEN KEPT FULLY INFORMED.

3. UPI AND REUTERS ARE PRESSING FOR EMBASSY STATEMENT. WE ARE BACKGROUNDING ON MINIMAL BASIS USING AUTHORITY REFTEL, CONFIDENTIAL

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AVOIDING FORMAL STATEMENT ON GROUNDS NO AUTHORITATIVE DECISION

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